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## Selectmen's Minutes 08-10-2009

### TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes  
 Monday, August 10, 2009

6:00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Greeley, Chair, Mrs. Mahon, Vice Chair, Mr. Hurd, Ms. LaCourt, and Ms. Rowe.  
 Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Rice, and Mrs. Sullivan.

#### **6:00 p.m. Public Hearing**

##### 1a. Discussion: Forest Street

Michael Rademacher, Town Engineer

##### b. Request: One Space On Street Overnight Parking @ 282 Forest Street

Lisa M. Peduto

##### c. Request: Two Spaces On Street Overnight Parking @ 289 Forest Street

Marko Labudovic, PhD

##### d. Request: On Street Parking Space (Day & Night) @ 263 Forest Street

Laura Eastment

##### e. Request: On Street Parking Space (Day & Night) @ 281 Forest Street

Margaret and Edward Braga

##### f. Request: On Street Parking Space (Day & Night) @ 295 Forest Street

Lainey Sainte Marie

##### g. Request: On Street Parking Space (Day & Night) @ 306 Forest Street

Rob and Kristin Chalmers

##### h. Request: Two On Street Parking Spaces (Day & Night) @ 307 Forest Street

Percival Family

After a presentation from Michael Rademacher, Town Engineer, much discussion by the Selectmen and requests from residents of Forest Street, it was agreed to refer the parking requests to the Parking sub-committee.

Mr. Hurd moved to refer requests to the parking sub-committee. SO VOTED (5-0)

7:15 p.m.

##### 2. Introduction: Carol Kowalski, Newly Appointed Director of Planning & Community Development

Brian F. Sullivan, Town Manager

Mr. Sullivan introduced the new Director of Planning & Community, Carol Kowalski, commenting that she will bring great

applicable experience to use in the Town of Arlington. The Selectmen welcomed Ms. Kowalski and look forward to working with her.

3. Proclamation

Michèle M. Meagher

Mr. Greeley read a proclamation recognizing the positive impact on the community that Ms. Meagher had as Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce. The Selectmen thanked her for her great work and wished her well on her next endeavors.

4. Donation: Friends of the Arlington Council on Aging, Inc.

Arthur Budnik, President

Mr. Budnik, President of the Friends of Arlington Council on Aging, presented a donation check of \$1,250.00 to John Jope, Executive Director of the Council on Aging. The Council on Aging would like to get residents and businesses interested in donating towards the purchase of a new lift van (80% paid for by the State) and funding for transportation of seniors.

**FOR APPROVAL**

5. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)

a. Minutes of Meetings: July 13, 2009

b. REAPPOINTMENTS

Reappointment: Board of Health

Gregory Leonardos

(term to expire 7/30/2012)

Reappointment: Commission on Disabilities

Kerrie Fallon

(term to expire 8/14/2012)

Reappointment: Constable

Ellen Digby

(term to expire 8/14/2012)

Reappointment: Board of Youth Services

Lynn Horgan

(term to expire 8/14/2012)

c. Determine Life Cycle Equipment for Upcoming Borrowing-August 12th

Stephen Gilligan, Treasurer

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

6. Approval: Recommendations for Margaret H. Spengler Memorial

Harry McCabe, Spengler Memorial Committee

Mr. Hurd moved approval of both committee requests:

1. "...changing the name of Library Way to Margaret H. Spengler Way", and
  2. "...commissioning a bronze memorial plaque with a bust of Mrs. Spengler in bas-relief and suitable text."
- and continuing the process by meeting with the Board of Library Trustees and the Historical Commission.

SO VOTED (5-0)

**7:30 p.m. Public Hearings**

7. Request: Alteration of Premises

Jason Zhen Ye, Owner, Y Plus Y, Inc. d/b/a Mifune Restaurant, 303A-305 Broadway

Mr. Hurd moved approval subject to conditions set forth.

SO VOTED (5-0)

8. For Approval: Board of Survey

Elder Terrace

(all abutters notified)

Ms. LaCourt moved to table until the September 21, 2009 meeting.

SO VOTED (5-0)

**7:45 p.m. Town Hall Auditorium****9. Vote: Mass. Ave. Corridor Project – 25% Plan**

Kevin F. Greeley, Chair

Mr. Hurd moved to endorse the 25% Mass Ave Corridor Project Plan submission recommended by the Mass. Ave. Corridor Advisory Committee. SO VOTED (4-1)

Mrs. Mahon voted in the negative.

**9:00 p.m. Selectmen's Chambers****TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS****10. Request: One Space On Street Overnight Parking @ 32 Central Street**

Rachel Schiller

Ms. Rowe made a motion to ask the Traffic Officer to meet with Ms. Schiller and review again the parking area being requested in relation to the dead end and street passage.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Sullivan was requested to report back on the easement at the end of that street.

**11. Request: Residential Handicap Parking @ 1277 Massachusetts Avenue**

Jeannette Tremblay

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

**12. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM**

These matters were presented for consideration of the Board.

Mr. Joe Connors, East Arlington Concerned Citizen's Group, stated he was opposed to the Mass. Ave. corridor plan, and that a majority of residents and businesses oppose the plan.

Ms. Jennifer Griffin stated she was in support of the Mass. Ave. Corridor plan, and that the majority of East Arlington people are in favor.

Mr. Richard Frauman, Capitol Theatre, thanked the Selectmen for their hard work and is in favor of the plan.

Mr. Steve Kurland, ZA Manager, asked the Selectmen to push the project forward, that there were plenty of public forums on the project.

Mr. Chad Gibson asked the Selectmen to push the project forward and that there are lots of benefits to the project for East Arlington.

**13. Discussion of the Proposed Reduction in MBTA Bus Service**

Laura Wiener, Senior Planner, Director of Housing

**14. Discussion: ACMI – Elected Officials Television Show**

Diane Mahon, Selectman

Mrs. Mahon discussed with the Board producing a monthly local cable television show, which the Selectmen agreed to unanimously. Mrs. Mahon will send an email to all Selectmen to coordinate the sign up for a show starting in October.

**15. Discussion: Local Meal Tax/Hotel Tax**

Brian F. Sullivan, Town Manager

After some discussion, the Selectmen decided to research and ask the Chamber of

Commerce to report back after outreaching for opinions from Arlington businesses. Ms. Rice, Town Counsel, will research the time frame for a special town meeting, which will be necessary in order to implement tax increases. It was agreed to re-discuss at the September 14, 2009 meeting.

**16. Discussion: Town Government Reorganization Committee 2009**

Kevin F. Greeley, Chair

The Selectmen agreed unanimously that a member of the Board of Assessors or a designee be added to the committee due to an oversight in the original warrant.

The Selectmen nominated then voted unanimously that the following be members on the Town Government Reorganization Committee:

-John Bilafer

-Michelle Barry

-Theodore Palosa

and as an alternate: Elizabeth Dignan.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

**Correspondence Received**

Marjorie Howard	Allow On Street Overnight Parking	Be Rec'd
150 Washington Street		

Scott Smith	Support of Mass Ave. Corridor Plan	Be Rec'd
39 Amherst Street		

East Arlington Concerned	Request to Postpone Vote on 25% Plan	Be Rec'd
Citizens Committee	Mass Ave. Corridor Project	

Ms. LaCourt moved receipt of correspondence.	SO VOTED (5-0)
Mr. Hurd moved to adjourn at 10:15 PM	SO VOTED (5-0)

**Next meeting of BOS Monday, September 14, 2009.**